21 Cornhill, Boston
March 21, 1860.

Dear Mr. McKim;

33 I have a letter from David Lee Child. He is engaged in collecting materials for a document, which he (and those at whose instance he is working) think will prove a powerful campaign document. — [In confidence, I learn that the move was set on foot at Washington, in influential Republn quarters.] He wants to ascertain what evidence there is that the pro-slavery mobs & violence, of our Northern cities, were instigated by Southerners. He says it used to be a proverb with the Abolitionists that "when the dog-days and slaveholders were gone, quiet times would come again." And yet, he says, "with the exception of the late arrest of Southern medical

students at Phila, I have never seen any positive evidence of Southern complicity in the atrocious riots of our Northern Slave-population in the Cotton-dealing towns and cities."

He desires to collect all the evidence there is of such complicity. He thinks such may be furnished, of a valuable kind, from Phila. Will you do what you can to help him, and as soon as possible? Whatever you can tell may be addressed to me, — or, directly to himself at Wayland, Mass.

If you are subjected to any expense, he offers to pay.

I got home very well, having much enjoyed my brief & flying visit to Phila. Please offer my kindest regards to your wife —

And I am, Very Sincerely

Yours Samd May Jr

Private.

Some time since Mahlon B. Linton of your State wrote to me, proposing, if agreeable to us, that our Exec: Comtee appoint him an Agent (local) of the Amn. A.S. Soc'y. He expressed an earnest desire to be working for the cause, and said there was need of more work in his neighborhood, and the way was favorably open. He proposes to get subscribers for Standard, to collect funds for various A.S. objects, — to assist agents in regard to meetings, &c. &c. Says he has been thus working for many years, & would like to widen his sphere of action.

I wish to ask of you what you think of friend Linton's qualifications for such an agency — & of his neighborhood as a field. Please keep this private & let me hear from you soon. —

S. May Jr
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